**CEQA# 9913** 

## State of California – The Natural Resource Agency DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research

1400 Tenth Street

Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation

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Eureka, CA 95520-2006

PROJECT TITLE: Thornton Trail Re-Route

LOCATION: Humboldt Redwoods State Park

**COUNTY:** Humboldt

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Re-route existing Thornton Multi-use Trail in Humboldt Redwoods State Park to decrease excessive linear grades and sedimentation issues. Work will construct 5,160 ft. of new trail with a 5 ft. one-half to full bench width; two steel stringer footbridges, 24 ft. and 14 ft. long and 5 ft. wide, with 42-inch high wooden handrails and plastic mudsills. Bridge abutments will be outside of the channel.

Remove 1,084 ft. of existing road/trail and two crossings and install swales at spring locations. All work will be done using a Sweco dozer and hand crews. Best Management Practices will be employed.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: North Coast Redwoods District

## **EXEMPT STATUS:**

□ Categorical Exemption

Class: 3 & 4

Section: 15303 & 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, structures and the minor public alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation, which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes.

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